

CELERY PLANT UNDER WAY AT TERRA BELLA

Celery planting is well under way along the old Hot Springs road east of Terra Bella and at the Cannella Brothers ranch at Ducor, with more than 100 acres expected to be grown in these areas on a commercial basis.

Among growers who are planting along the Hot Springs road are: Bagstein and Hunting, Glen Ballew, Cemo Brothers and Ralph Tyrrell. Marketing of the crop will be handled through the Roddenberry-Molica company at Terra Bella.

Planting, which was started early this month, will extend over a period of about a month and a half. The crop will be marketed during the period from late January, 1948, to April.

The small, celery seedlings are planted from six to eight inches apart in row about 30 inches apart. The seedlings are taking from seed beds that were sowed last April.

Considerable expense is connected with the growing of celery, since the crop needs commercial fertilizer, irrigation, weeding and dusting for blight. Yield in this area, however, is said to equal any other district in California, with fields running from 800 to 1000 crates per acre.

Labor Housing Is Provided For Sunland Workers

Apartments for packing house workers, a cafeteria and a farm labor camp are under construction at the Sunland Packing House company for use of workers during the citrus season, with L. R. Coole, house manager, stating that government surplus buildings are being utilized for practically all the work.

Apartments and cafeteria, located just east of the Sunland house, are nearing completion. One building is well along and others are just starting to go up in the labor camp, which is located about a quarter mile north of the packing house.

The labor camp is being built to house from 200 to 300 persons. It is possible that family-type units will be included in the construction program.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Muller are on a vacation trip to Wisconsin, planning to visit at Sheboygan.

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DON JONES HAS ONE OF NATION'S TOP GROUPS OF ARABIAN HORSES



When Donald Jones, Porterville hardware store owner, purchased a young registered Arabian mare back in 1934, he had no intention of going into the horse business.

He was simply working on the theory that it costs no more to take care of a purebred than an ordinary horse, and he liked Arabians. But the mare lost no time in foaling a fine filly and it was from this beginning that Jones, through selective breeding and purchase, developed one of the top groups of Arabians in the United States today.

At present, he has 36 purebred Arabians, 22 of which are descendants of the original mare. This animal is now 19 years old, but has her twelfth foal by her side, and her first filly is now 13 years old and has had her ninth foal, which is the colt shown in the above picture.

ARISTOCRATIC BEARING

This colt, which was only five days old when photographed, is not yet named. He is a chestnut with four white stockings and narrow blaze, giving him the makings of a flashy horse. And even at five days of age, he has that aristocratic bearing so natural with the Arabian Horse.

Faronek, the stallion pictured here (with saddle) is the

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Housing Assn. Seeks Farmer Memberships

Farmers of the eastern Tulare county area are being asked to subscribe for membership in the Tulare County Rural Housing association, a non-profit cooperative set up to assume responsibility for operation of the Woodville Farm Labor Supply center and a similar center at Farmersville.

Memberships in the association are \$10 and a quota of 500 farmers has been set. Funds raised will be used to underwrite operation expense of the two labor centers from the end of September, when federal operation funds run out, and the first of the year, when the federal government will start proceedings for permanent disposition of the camps.

DIRECTORS NAMED

As the situation now stands, the Woodville and Farmersville centers will close September 30 unless the farmer group is successful in securing an operation agreement.

Board of directors of the housing association is composed of: Domer Power, Lindsay, presi-

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Dogs Must Be Vaccinated And Licensed; Rabies Cases Cut By Control Methods

A systematic pickup of unlicensed dogs is being conducted in this community and throughout Tulare county as a means of rabies control, it was called to attention this week by Ralph Gunderson of Porterville, chief sanitarian of Tulare county, who states that number of rabies cases in the county have rapidly declined since the control program was started about two years ago.

Authority for dog vaccination and licensing is Tulare County ordinance No. 316, which makes its mandatory that all dogs be vaccinated and licensed once a year. In order to license a dog a vaccination certificate is sent to the Tulare County Health de-

partment office, P. O. Box 110, Visalia, together with the required fee—\$1 for male dogs; \$1.50 for females.

Vaccination is done by any veterinarian with standard fee running \$1.50. When unlicensed dogs are picked up, they are held for a period of three days in the county pound, then disposed of.

Present health department schedule calls for pickups in the Terra Bella and Ducor areas, August 29; the Porterville rural area September 2. A new schedule for balance of the year will be announced in September, Gunderson states.

During the month of August 12 unlicensed dogs have been picked up in the Poplar district.

Recreation Subject Of Y's Men's Meet

Recreation and use of school facilities for community activities were discussed by Rodgers Moore, Porterville Union High School board member, at a meeting of the Y's Men's club held Monday evening at Murray's Chicken shack.

Other business of the meeting include the filing of reservations for the annual organization convocation, to be held at Lake Sequoia over the Labor Day week-end.

Harold Weisenberger, Y's Men's president who presided at the Monday evening meeting, announced that the regular monthly board meeting will be held the evening of September 2 at the Arthur Todd home, 807 Hockett street.

Farmers of California recorded an all-time record cash income for 1946 estimated at \$2,121,948,000, according to George A. Scott, state agricultural statistician.

Porterville Men Will Show Pigs At California Fair

Among Porterville district stock that will be shown at the California State fair in Sacramento will be Poland-China swine from the Barns-Wick ranch; Duroc-Jerseys by Clarence Gibson and Poland-Chinas by A. D. Graves and Sons.

Dates of the Sacramento fair are August 28 through September 7. Other Tulare county exhibitors include J. A. Sutton of Visalia and James W. C. Pogue of Exeter, Holstein-Friesian cattle and George D. Lancaster of Oroqui, Hereford cattle.

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Picking of high-quality Cranshaw melons for the "luxury market" of southern California, is practically completed at the A. M. Falconer and Sons ranch west of Porterville.

Season market, according to Art Falconer, has been good, with a steady demand most of the time. Retail price for the melons has been holding in the vicinity of 10 cents per pound and yield from the 12-acre plot running from 200 to 250 crates per acre. Marketing has been handled through the Williams and Newton setup in Los Angeles.

DIFFICULT TO GROW

Falconer states that although the Cranshaw melon is tops from an "eating" standpoint, it has not been extensively grown in this vicinity because of the difficulty involved in producing a No. 1, unblemished melon, and because its keeping and shipping qualities are poor.

The Cranshaw is highly susceptible to sunburn and because of its thin skin must be handled with extreme care during harvesting, crating and shipping. In order to prevent sunburn, the vines and hay are used to cover the growing melon and in hauling from the field, a single layer of melons is placed on the bottom of a trailer, all of them with stem-end up to prevent rind puncture.

A special trailer, with a high clearance and a wide wheel base has been built by Falconer to facilitate hauling. Crating is done at the Falconer ranch, with from 4 to 8 melons, packed in excelsior, making up a crate. A six-melon crate is most desired by southern California buyers.

PICK DAILY

Picking of the melons extends over a period of a month to six weeks, with the field being covered daily. The crop was planted about the middle of last April.

In order to maintain a reputation for quality, Falconer ships only No. 1, unblemished melons.

Corn, Beans Feature Agronomy Field Day

New developments in corn breeding and 14 bean varieties developed and released by the agronomy division of the college of agriculture will be shown on Agronomy Field day at Davis, September 5. Interested growers are invited.

A yellow grained floury corn obtained by changing the White Tamale to yellow by crossing and back crossing is among the new developments to be displayed. An ear-worm-resistant sweet corn has also been released and will be seen at Davis on this field day. Both these are plant breeding products of Dr. Francis L. Smith.

A new crop of the Mung bean will be shown where a number of promising selections are being tested. A large number of bean varieties introductions are being tested for possible root rot resistance, and this work will be explained for the visitors.

Farmers planning to attend the Field Day are invited to contact Ralph Worrell at the Farm Advisor's Office, P. O. Box 990, Visalia, for further details regarding the program.

INCREASED APPROPRIATION PREDICTED FOR VALLEY

Increased appropriations for flood control and reclamation projects in the San Joaquin valley and the state of California were predicted by U. S. Senator William F. Knowland at a recent meeting in Bakersfield.

Knowland, who is a member of the Senate committee on appropriations, also stated that "economic development in the valley will be stifled" if the Central Valley Project is delayed.

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It appears that dynamiting the streams for fish is being carried on along the Kern River not only for eating but for market, and immediate steps should be taken to catch the guilty parties.

A letter has been received by Wilko Mentz, secretary of the Tule River Fishing and Shooting association from Frank D. Goodhue, attorney at law in Cincinnati, who had been spending a vacation on the Kern, informing him of the fact that unscrupulous parties are dynamiting the stream.

A horse race was to have come off Saturday at the Boucher track between horses belonging to John Guthrie and J. N. Cornell, but owing to a misunderstanding concerning the distance one claiming the agreement was to run three-eighths of a mile and the other a half mile, the race did not materialize.

Several went out from Porterville to see the match but returned disappointed.

Milt Owens is a Republican aspirant for the nomination for supervisor and hopes to get a few delegates to help him out at the convention. If he gets the nominations and succeeds in getting elected, he will fill the chair well.

E. S. Van Meter, vice chairman of the Populist State Central committee, was stabbed in the chest at Fresno by Cliff Corlen, candidate for the nomination for supervisor. Politics was the cause of the trouble.

Floyd Cranston treated a number of his friends to deer meat this week, having come across three bucks while in the mountains. The Enterprise was not

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FARM LABOR HOUSING EFFORTS ARE TO BE COMMENDED

Efforts of local farmers to maintain housing facilities for farm laborers are to be commended, since, as the situation now presents itself, if farmers themselves do not take action, there will be no housing.

The federal government is pulling out of such projects as the Woodville and Farmersville Farm Labor Supply centers, and at the present time, a cooperative organization of farmers is arranging to take over these camps. And, certainly, someone should see that these centers continue to operate, for all types of housing are badly needed now.

And several citrus organizations in this district are improving facilities for farm labor housing or are constructing new facilities. In addition, farmers who are operating on a large scale are taking more interest in labor housing at the scene of work.

All of which is encouraging, for it looks to us like good business, and possibly essential business, to provide housing for farm laborers as long as our area is dependent upon migratory workers for the handling of most of our commercial crops.

And it would further seem that it is desirable to have the administration of local Labor Supply centers in the hands of local farmers, and farm organizations, for we believe that problems of our area can be efficiently handled by residents of our own districts.

So we urge that farmers of this area keep informed as to developments on the labor housing front and that they do not let interest lag. The ball seems to be rolling in the right direction now. Let's keep it rolling.

— forgotten.

J. H. Williams and William Young sold 100 head of cattle to J. McDermott of San Francisco last week, which they will ship tomorrow.

Ab McFarland, W. E. Sprott and Dr. J. H. Hatcher leave for the Kern river Sunday.

Clem Howell has accepted a position at the A. J. Delaney hardware store.

Jessie Frame is now holding a position at the Scott and Sons store.

A. J. Newbury and wife and H. Hathaway and wife returned Friday from the mountains.

Marvin Burford and Chet McFarland killed a huge rattlesnake just above the clubhouse a few days ago. It measured four and one-half feet.

There will be a dance at the Cooperative hall in Poplar next Friday night.

Orien McKiernan of Daunt, who has been at Hanford for some time, passed through town today.

As many as 25 Los Angeles people have been camped at Nelson's at one time this summer.

George Russell's home at Plano was destroyed by fire Monday morning just as the family was going to partake of breakfast.

Ed. Billingsly has sufficiently

Congressional Hearings Slated For California

Congressional hearings on public lands, grazing, forest service, reclamation and irrigation will be held in California during the next two months, with subject matter of particular interest to cattlemen as well as to general farmers.

First hearing will be at Redding, September 20 on forest service and public lands. Others include: Shasta Lake, September 21, on irrigation; Sacramento, September 22 on irrigation and reclamation; San Francisco, September 24 on public lands, irrigation and conservation of natural resources.

Bakersfield, September 27, on public lands, irrigation and reclamation; Los Angeles, September 29 on public lands and San Bernardino, October 1, on public lands and forest service.

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recovered to be up and about.

Tom and Henry Kelly are shipping three cars of baled hay to San Francisco. There is not much sale for hay here and in the city one can realize from \$10 to \$12.

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SPITTLE INSECTS CARRY PIERCE DISEASE

Spittle insects are newly discovered virus carriers of Pierce's disease of grapes, reports Dr. Henry H. P. Severin, University of California college of agriculture specialist in Pierce's virus. Only four species are known to be virus carriers at present, and they are found mainly in the moist fog belt.

Spittle bugs probably will not become dangerous in spreading the virus, Severin believes. Their only possible harm might be to carry Pierce's virus to plants where sharpshooters feed also. In this way, the spittle bugs would put the virus into the plant and the sharpshooters would take it out to spread in vineyards later.

Tulare county farmers this year have in 6,000 acres of sugar beets; Kern county, 12,000 and Kings, Fresno and Merced counties from 1,000 to 2,000 acres each.

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2, 4-D USED FOR WEED CONTROL IN VARIOUS TYPES OF CROPS

(Following is a continuation of a story dealing with weed control through use of 2, 4-D. First installment appeared last week.)

On either surface or subirrigated land, morning-glory may be brought into a proper condition to spray more easily than on dry land.

A fall treatment is often possible following irrigation, but midsummer treatments, even on irrigated land, have not been very successful.

A minimum of soil disturbance is advisable in order to get uniform emergence.

Morning-glory may be treated in corn or milo after the crops are well established but before they cover the rows.

Because of the high susceptibility of morning-glory to 2,4-D, the selective control of this weed is often possible.

In strawberry plantings it has been effectively controlled without injury to the crop. If strawberry plants are blooming at the time of spraying, the next crop of berries will usually be lost because the spray affects the blossoms. Little is known about the way in which different varieties of strawberries react to 2,4-D

In general, broad-leaved plants are relatively susceptible to 2, 4-D, but there are exceptions. For example, it is usually easier to effect a permanent kill of broad-leaved annuals than of perennials. However, since no plants are completely resistant, the chemical must be used carefully.

The action of 2, 4-D is slow, sometimes requiring a month to kill the tops and roots of the weeds, especially perennials. Two sprayings are often necessary because some plants are missed during the first spraying, and some new plants may come up from lateral roots which did not die. Watch the sprayed area closely and spray as soon as regrowth is large enough.

Soil sterilization may result from use of 2, 4-D. How long the effects will remain depends upon amount of chemical used, temperature, rainfall of irrigation, soil type, and crop planted. While grains and grasses apparently suffer no damage if planted within a few weeks after spraying, beans, peas, lettuce, tomatoes, cabbage, broccoli, sugar beets, alfalfa and many other crops are extremely sensitive to small quantities of the chemical.

A sprayer or any other equipment which has contained 2, 4-D must be thoroughly washed

before it is used for other material. Otherwise, field, orchard, and ornamental plants may be damaged if even a small amount remains in the sprayer. One cold-water rinse is not sufficient. Use several changes of water—preferably warm—to which a little baking soda has been added.

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Directors state that present in-
terest centers in operation of the
Woodville and Farmersville
camps for the three-month per-
iod prior to January 1, with ex-
perience gained to determine
whether or not the group should
go ahead with a plan for perma-
nent administration. Operation
will be on as near a self-sustain-
ing basis as possible, it is said.

TO SEEK PERMIT

With by-laws adopted and the
cooperative housing association
set up, next step, along with the
membership drive, is to secure a
revokable use permit for opera-
tion of the camps for the period
September 30 to January 1. Ne-
gotiations for this permit will
be started soon with William A.
Anglim, state director of the
War Food Administration, at
Berkeley.

Further study of camp opera-
tion expense will be made to de-
termine necessary rent increases,
if any, in order to place the labor
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DON JONES HAS TOP ARABIANS

pride of the Jones ranch. He was bred and raised by Jones, being a son of the original mare. He has been shown many times in stock horse exhibitions and has won several stake races.

The gray filly pictured above, Kaisarat, is a three-year-old that was purchased from an Arizona breeder. She is an excellent mare and has already established herself as a prize winner.

Since starting to raise Arabians, Jones has built a high reputation for his stock, his horses being consistent blue-ribbon winners in horse shows and fairs in the San Joaquin valley and southern California.

STRICTLY A SADDLE HORSE

Jones states that the Arabian is strictly a saddle horse, being bred pure on the Arabian desert for centuries. The animal is noted for its beauty, endurance, fast action and intelligence.

Since all light breed horses carry some Arabian blood, Jones points out that the Arabian stallion makes an excellent cross with grade range mares. Half-breed Arabians, he says, make fine saddle horses for pleasure, parade or stock work and their intelligence and disposition make them favorites with many horsemen.

As a sidelight feature at his ranch on east Morton street, Jones annually entertains the Porterville Rotary club, of which he is a long-time member. This year's event is scheduled for next Tuesday noon, with a barbecue and horse show planned for Rotarians and a number of local and out-of-town guests.

ART SNELL NAMED ROAD COMMISSIONER

Arthur Snell, of Visalia, has been named to the newly created post of Tulare County Road commissioner. His duties will consist

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Installed and being placed in operation this week is a portable sprinkling system at the Raymond Muller ranch west of Terra Bella, where a year-around plan of irrigation for permanent pasture, almond orchard and grain land will be put into operation.

Muller plans to start the system on Sept. 1 and in a period of less than three weeks cover about 110 acres of land that will later be seeded to barley. With sprinklers throwing four and one-half gallons per minute the system will deliver 1.8 inches of "rain" in a period of 11 hours.

As planned at present the field will be pastured during the fall and winter, then allowed to produce a barley crop for summer harvest. The amount of sprinkler water needed during the winter will depend entirely upon the amount of and time of rainfall.

In addition to grain land, Muller expects to irrigate a 10-acre almond orchard and 10 acres of permanent pasture from a pump that throws approximately 15 inches of water. The sprinkler lines are of light-weight aluminum alloy and incorporate a system of fast coupling. Movement of the portable lines is done by hand.

The system is being installed through the Terra Bella Hardware, operated by Johnny Muller.

Sheep numbers in the nation have decreased sharply since 1942. Common reasons given are: Larger profits from cattle raising; difficulty in retaining skilled sheep herders; uncertain markets on wool and breeding stock.

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By CLARA E. COWGILL
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How well dressed is the farm family?

Probably better than the average American, since department of agriculture figures show farmers of the United States averaged \$270 spent on clothing for themselves and their families in 1946.

While this amount is twice the \$135 spent in 1941, prices paid in 1946 were twice what they were before the war as far as work shirts, overalls, men's wool trousers, women's housedresses and many rayon items are concerned.

Considering that farm home-

Ducor 4-H club members will show more than 40 head of cattle and Springville 4-H members some 15 head at the Tulare Kings County fair to be held in Tulare September 16 through the 21st.

Meetings of the 4-H club at Ducor will be resumed in September, with either the first or second Monday of the month to be the regular meeting date. The club meets at the Ducor Women's club.

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makers are wise shoppers and do much home sewing, this clothing expenditure probably keeps their families in line with the better dressed people.

In addition to paying higher prices for their clothing, farmers like city people, have had to buy clothing of poorer quality and design as the result of war-created shortages and restrictions. But many clothing manufacturers, with an eye on the future, are making use of new fabrics, better manufacturing processes and improved design to meet farm clothing needs this fall.

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Olive Price Drop Is Predicted By Arthur Shultis

Prices of all olives will drop by 1950, if not before, but the price outlook for canning olives is brighter than for oil olives, predicts Arthur Shultis, farm management specialist in the University of California College of Agriculture.

As author of Circular 370, "California Olives, Situation and Outlook: 1947," he makes these arritional forecasts:

The prices of canning olives may drop sharply below the high 1943-46 level, but not below pre war prices due to good demand. Prices of oil olives are certain to drop almost to prewar levels between 1948 and 1950 as imports return to prewar normal. They will fall much lower than prices of canning olives.

Even with lower prices, heavy producing, efficiently-managed orchards can still show a profit with good cultural care, Shultis believes.

California production is expected to increase, but not over 20 per cent in the next 15 years. Recent high yields can probably be maintained or even increased. However, new plantings are not advised, Shultis emphasizes, because they will not come into bearing before prices drop.

Increased consumption of olives gained during the war probably can be held or possibly expanded by good advertising and trade promotion. Imports probable will be no higher than prewar.

Full details on the over-all outlook for olive growers can be found in Circular 370, now available free from any Farm Advisor or from the College of Agriculture, Berkely, 4.

FARM WORKER HOUSING CHECK ORDERED BY WARREN

A state-wide survey of farm worker housing has been ordered in California by Governor Earl Warren. The survey will be conducted by James S. Dean, director of finance; James G. Bryant, chairman of the employment stabilization commission; A. A. Brock, director of agriculture and Paul Scharrenberg, director of industrial relations.

Warren states that the survey is being conducted so that the state can "watch developments closely to the end that encouragement can be given all programs which will lead to an over-all improvement in farm labor housing."

We Only Heard

By Bill Rodgers

"Porterville Produces Prosperity." That's the new slogan for the community of Porterville, submitted by W. D. Turney of

Strathmore.

STORY

Congressman Alfred J. Elliott, who is secretary-manager of the Tulare-Kings Counties fair tells this story: It seems a bee keeper entered three quart jars of honey in a recent Tulare-Kings fair, all of the honey being strained from the same hive. Of course the judges did not know this, so they carried on at great length trying to decide which of the three jars was tops. They compared texture, sugar content, color and all the other things a honey judge looks at. They finally eliminated one jar then, after considerable deliberation, picked a second jar as the grand winner. This was too much for the man who had entered the honey. Confronting the judges, he exclaimed, "But, by golly, the same bee made it all!" . . . Which serves to illustrate that the job of a fair judge is a tough one.

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STATE WOOL CLIP SHOWS DECREASE

California's 1947 wool clip is about 10 per cent under the 1946 clip and is the smallest since 1920. The reduced 1947 clip, estimated at 15,776,000 pounds, is the sixth successive reduction since 1941. Nationally, the wool crop is eight per cent under the 1946 production.

The reduction in the national wool clip this year was the result of a decrease in the number of sheep shorn, the average weight of the fleeces being about the same as last year.

MARKETING PROGRAM APPROVED FOR PRUNES

The State Department of Agriculture has announced that both dried prune producers and packers have approved the marketing programs to improve conditions for California prunes.

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4-H Delegates To Convention

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Mildred Pittigliano, Margaret Ann Wilson and Frances Wilson, Burton; Arlene Morris, John Dennis and Loretta Muller, Ducor; Carrol Ann Bequette and Charles Fisher, Prairie Center; Barbara Pixley, Kenley Mays and Dale Gill, Springville; Luelian Rountree, Roger Brown, Victor Bowker, Marilyn Wilson and Twyla Wilson, Vandalia; Georgian Cooper and Floy Hudson, Welcome and Barbara Birchfield, Alta Vista.

James Muller, of Ducor, is assisting with convention arrangements and program.

Open Land Sells In Sunland District

A 182-acre tract of open land in the Sunland district was this week sold by Mrs. Magdeleine Guffy to Edward C. Eckhoff, the latter of Orange, California.

Eckhoff plans to develop the property and possibly make his future home here. The deal was handled through Harry J. Johnson, realtor, of Porterville.

Cops On Your Trail May Tab You As Courtesy Driver

If you notice the Porterville city police car on your trail, it may be that you are being tabbed, not as a law violator, but as a "courtesy driver," for starting September 1, one driver per day in Porterville will be so designated.

The courtesy driver idea is being sponsored as part of the local traffic safety campaign through cooperation of radio station KTIP. Each day a representative of the station will ride with Chief of Police Dick Crumal until they see a traffic courtesy act.

A tape recording description of the act will be made at the scene, then, each evening, Monday through Friday at 8:15 o'clock, the transcription will be heard over station KTIP, along with the license number of the car involved in the act.

Driver of the car will receive a courtesy driver certificate and possibly a gift.

DOVE SEASON

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